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- AS SADAT'S TRIP TO JERUSALEM

SUMMARY. EGYPTIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO REVEAL ITS GREAT  
EXPECTATIONS OF CAMP DAVID. SUMMIT IS SEEN AS EQUALLY  
SERIOUS TO PEACE PROCESS AS SADAT'S TRIP TO JERUSALEM.  
CENTRALITY OF WEST BANK/PALESTINIAN ISSUES IS STRESSED.  
END SUMMARY.

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1. EGYPTIANS ON CAMP DAVID. MAIN STORY IN AHRAM  
AUGUST 28 REPORTS RESPONSIBLE EGYPTIAN SOURCE AS SAYING  
CAMP DAVID MEETING IS AS SERIOUS AN EVENT AS SADAT'S TRIP  
TO JERUSALEM. SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT EGYPTIAN MAIN  
EFFORTS WILL BE CENTERED ON WEST BANK AND GAZA; HE ADDED  
THAT IF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS SOLVED, THERE WOULD  
BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT SINAI, AND WHAT WAS AGREED FOR SINAI

COULD APPLY TO GOLAN. IN AUGUST 27 RADIO COMMENTARY  
MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHALI SAID CAMP DAVID WILL  
RESULT IN GREATER SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE.

2. PREPARATIONS FOR CAMP DAVID. AHRAM'S BANNER HEADLINE  
STORY AUGUST 27 WAS THAT U.S. AMBASSADORS IN BOTH ISRAEL  
AND EGYPT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE URGENT CONTACTS WITH  
SENIOR OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS "STUDIES PREPARED BY  
WASHINGTON IN PREPARATION FOR CAMP DAVID." GUMHURIYYA'S  
MAIN STORY DECLARED THAT SADAT RECEIVED FROM USG A REPORT  
ON OUTCOME OF STUDIES MADE BY AMERICAN WORKING GROUP,  
AND THAT AMBASSADOR EILTS WOULD CARRY EGYPTIAN RESPONSES  
TO WASHINGTON.

3. ISRAEL. PRESS AUGUST 28 CARRIES BEGIN'S STATEMENT  
AFTER CABINET MEETING REAFFIRMING SELF-RULE PLAN. AHRAM  
COMMENTS THAT THIS STATEMENT MEANS BEGIN IS STILL SEEKING  
TO RETAIN LAND WHILE DEPRIVING PALESTINIANS TO RIGHT OF  
SELF-DETERMINATION. EDITORIAL AGAIN REJECTS PARTIAL  
SOLUTIONS OR WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI IN RETURN FOR CEDING  
RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. EDITORIAL NOTES THAT, GIVEN BASIC  
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, PRESIDENT CARTER  
WILL HAVE TO PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE.

4. ISRAEL AND U.S. ARMS AID. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL  
PICKED UP ON STATEMENT BY SECDEF HAROLD BROWN, APPARENTLY  
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IN TV INTERVIEW LAST WEEK, THAT THERE IS A NATURAL  
CONNECTION BETWEEN CAMP DAVID RESULTS AND ISRAEL'S  
OBTAINING AMERICAN ARMS. GUMHURIYYA NOTES  
THIS IS A "FIRST" AND SAYS THAT IF USG IS EARNEST AND  
APPLIES THIS PRINCIPLE EVEN JUST ONCE, ISRAEL WOULD  
SURELY BE REDUCED TO HER NATURAL SIZE.

5. ANIS MANSOUR ON BEGIN AND CARTER. OCTOBER EDITOR  
ANIS MANSOUR ECHOES THEME OF GUMHURIYYA'S SUNDAY  
EDITORIAL THAT CAMP DAVID IS LAST CHANCE FOR PEACE AND  
BEGIN IS TO BLAME IF HE LOSES IT. MANSOUR PRAISES  
PRESIDENT CARTER BECAUSE HE SUCCEEDED IN PUSHING THROUGH  
ARMS DEAL AND SECURED ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON.  
(THIS ECHOES PRAISE OF CARTER ELSEWHERE IN PRESS.)  
MANSOUR CALLS CARTER COURAGEOUS FOR RISKING CAMP DAVID,  
SAYING THAT SITUATION IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN AT TIME  
OF U.S."REASSESSMENT." MATTHEWS

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